

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 493

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James H. "Jay" Gaddis
of Newport, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James H. "Jay" Gaddis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, who always endeavored to enhance the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially for the children of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis was a proud veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis served with acumen and alacrity as an educator, enjoying a career that spanned forty-eight years, twenty-seven of which were spent as Superintendent of Morristown City Schools and Newport Grammar School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis was a man of great humility, faith and obedience which he exemplified through his membership and service as an elder of Fellowship Presbyterian Church, his many years of service as a Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church, and his unwavering commitment and steadfast service to the Gideons International organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife Eva and was the proud parent of daughters Linda Bible and Karen Inman, and the doting grandfather of Kari Ann Moore, Jill Jones, Cierra Inman and Kenzie Inman, and McKinley Bible; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaddis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James H. "Jay" Gaddis reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gaddis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.